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Wednesday, July 16.

Another fairly light day. Some more agonizing on when and how to hit Welfare Plan. Planning session on trip with Kissinger and Whitaker and Chapin. All going together very well. Still some loose ends on logistics, etc.

Had my meeting with Van der Heuvel and made no headway. She was most cheerful and accepting of the plan - so now she goes on trip and we see what happens.

Dinner with Republican Governors Executive Committee. Ronald Reagan the chairman, and guest of honor. Nancy in her element. Had the men in Red Room afterwards. Long gab session, mainly regarding welfare and civil rights. Reagan made some sense and had some good ideas. Jim Rhodes kept on same old pitch regarding jobs. Dewey Bartlett didn't say much, Louie Nunn said absolutely nothing. Ogilvie kept talking through it all in the corner with John Mitchell. Shafer talked a lot, said very little. Not much accomplished except therapy. Didn't quit until after midnight.